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The Honorable John Conyers, Jr.
Ranking Minority Member
U.S. House of Representatives
Committee on the Judiciary
2138 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515-6216

Dear Congressman Conyers:

The allegations you have raised against the United States Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Michigan (USAO) have been referred to this Office for review. With respect to an investigation of alleged campaign improprieties by Democratic officials in Michigan, you alleged that the USAO has conducted the investigation in a manner designed to embarrass Democratic office holders; that the USAO is applying a double standard with respect to the investigation of Republican office holders; and that attorneys and agents associated with the investigation have conflicts of interest.

The Office of Professional Responsibility is charged with investigating allegations of misconduct involving Department of Justice attorneys or law enforcement personnel that relate to the exercise of an attorney's authority to investigate, litigate, or provide legal advice. We appreciate the gravity of the allegations you have raised and will review these matters to determine what action, if any, should be taken. If you have any additional evidence or information to support your allegations, please provide them to this Office at your earliest convenience.

Thank you for bringing this matter to the attention of the Department of Justice.

Sincerely,

H. Marshall Jarrett
Counsel